

Regional Administrator under the procedures published in the Federal Register on January 19, 1989 (54 FR 2214-2225), as revised by a July 10, 1995 memorandum from Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted this regulatory action from E.O. 12866 review.

If Delaware fails to meet any of the conditions of this approval action, the EPA Regional Administrator would directly make a finding, by letter, that the conditional approval had converted to a disapproval and the clock for imposition of sanctions under section 179(a) of the Act would start as of the date of the letter. Subsequently, a notice would be published in the Federal Register announcing that the SIP revision has been disapproved.

The Administrator's decision to approve or disapprove the Delaware I/ M SIP revision will be based on whether it meets the requirements of section 110(a)(2) (A)-(K) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, and EPA regulations in 40 CFR Part 51.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: January 24, 1997.

W. Michael McCabe,

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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#### 40 CFR Parts 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, and 78

[FRL-5684-6]

RIN 2060-AF43, AF46, and AF47

#### Acid Rain Program; Permits, Allowance System, Sulfur Dioxide Opt-Ins, Continuous Emission Monitoring, Excess Emissions, and Appeal Procedures

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period on proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** On December 27, 1996 (61 FR 68340), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a proposed rule revising the permits, allowance system, sulfur dioxide opt-ins, continuous emission monitoring, excess emissions, and appeal procedures rules. The proposed rule streamlines the Acid

Rain Program while still ensuring achievement of its statutory goals of reducing sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions and the adverse health and ecological impacts of acidic deposition. EPA is extending the comment period so that comments on the proposed rule are due on February 10, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments on the December 27, 1996, proposed rule must be received on or before February 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* Comments should be submitted in duplicate to EPA Air Docket Section (6102), Waterside Mall, Room M1500, 1st Floor, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

*Docket.* Docket No. A-95-56 containing supporting information used to develop the proposal is available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at EPA's Air Docket Section at the above address. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Barylski, at (202) 233-9074, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Acid Rain Division (6204J), Washington D.C. (concerning revisions of parts 73 and 75); Dwight C. Alpern, Attorney-advisor, at (202) 233-9151 (same address) (concerning all other revisions); or the Acid Rain Hotline, at (202) 233-9620.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 24, 1997, EPA received a request that the period for submission of comments on the December 27, 1996, proposed rule be extended for 14 more days. EPA has considered the extension request as well as the importance of completing this rulemaking expeditiously. In light of these considerations, EPA extends the comment period to February 10, 1997.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Brian J. McLean,

*Director, Acid Rain Program, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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#### 40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-300451; FRL-5584-6]

#### Formic Acid; Proposed Tolerance Exemptions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to establish exemptions from the requirement of a

tolerance for residues of the biochemical pesticide formic acid in or on honey and beeswax when used to control tracheal mites in bee colonies and applied in accordance with accepted apiarian practices.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number [OPP-300451], must be received on or before March 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public record by EPA without prior notice. The public record is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number, [OPP-300451]. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in unit IV. of this preamble.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Diana M. Horne, c/o Product Manager (PM) 90, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 5-W57, CSI, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-